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Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUBJECT: TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY AUCTION FEB. 24-25

As we have previously advised your honorable Board, this office will be conducting a public auction of tax-defaulted properties this coming Monday and Tuesday, February 24-25, 2003.

In light of last year's unfortunate sale of the home of Mr. Terrell Dotson, an 85-year old veteran of World War II, we reviewed every improved parcel which is scheduled for sale next week in an attempt to identify property owners like Mr. Dotson who might need special assistance with their property tax obligations.

As a result of our reviews, we identified approximately 20 residential properties (located in all five Supervisorial districts) that appear to have been owner-occupied for very long periods of time, suggesting possible ownership by senior citizens.

We have removed those properties from the auction pending further investigation concerning the facts and circumstances of each case and potential referral to appropriate social service agencies.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me directly at your convenience.